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**Silicon Valley City Advances Urban Vision**

*Fremont's Warm Springs/South Fremont BART project anticipated to open up regional access for additional 12,000 new jobs and 3,000 new housing units in the next 26 years within Fremont*

**FREMONT, Calif. – May 16, 2014** – On Thursday, May 15, the City of Fremont hosted its third annual Legislative Event, which focused on what it takes to build an innovative city that attracts world-class businesses, as well as diving into topics like regional transportation and infrastructure.

“Fremont is on center stage today,” said Mayor Bill Harrison, who kicked off the event. “The City is receiving recognition on a national level, and it’s our goal to make sure we stay in the spotlight by continuing job creation efforts, funding transportation and infrastructure projects, and growing strategically to support all facets of our community and economy.”

This year’s Legislative Event spotlighted the following speakers:

- **Bill Harrison, Mayor of the City of Fremont**, kick-started the event on a positive note by highlighting the growth of Fremont’s innovation economy in [Warm Springs/South Fremont](#), which will add a half million square feet to the R&D inventory with the expansions of three local companies – Thermo Fisher Scientific, Seagate, and Delta Products. This development activity, in addition to the Warm Springs/South Fremont BART project, will contribute to the creation of more than 12,000 new jobs and 3,000 new housing units for Fremont through 2040.
- **Russell Hancock, President and CEO of Joint Venture Silicon Valley**, discussed the importance of thinking strategically about regional transportation and infrastructure in the Bay Area as a whole. While Silicon Valley is experiencing growth challenges, cities like Fremont are bucking the trend by offering a growing array of housing and employment opportunities.
- **Congressman Mike Honda and Congressman Eric Swalwell, Federal Representatives**, provided a Federal update and spoke about how Fremont’s innovation economy is leading the nation toward the future.
- **Senator Ellen Corbett, Assemblymember Bob Wieckowski, and Assemblymember Bill Quirk, State Representatives**, provided a State update and discussed Fremont’s role in advancing regional transportation and infrastructure.

City staff presenting at the event included **Kelly Kline**, Economic Development director, and **Bryan Jones**, Public Works director. Kline provided an optimistic overview of the City’s economic development progress. Making it clear that Fremont is ripe for innovation, Kline noted that Fremont ranks fourth in Silicon Valley for the number of patents awarded between 2011 and 2013 and that employment in high-tech manufacturing is 156 percent more concentrated here than elsewhere in the United States, far surpassing any other Silicon Valley city.

Jones gave the scoop on how Fremont is approaching transportation and infrastructure, shedding some light on the City/BART partnership and a few other exciting plans, including Fremont's partnership with Chevron Energy Solutions to conduct a comprehensive energy analysis of the City's facilities and operations in line with the Climate Action Plan's 25 percent greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal.

The Legislative Event offers further proof of how Fremont is transforming its suburban reputation into that of a sustainable, strategically urban, modern city.

Overall, it was an action-packed day for the City of Fremont. In addition to holding its annual Legislative Event yesterday, the City also hosted the [World Energy Innovation Forum](#), a convening of the leading experts in the energy innovation industry, at the Tesla Factory earlier that day.

For more information on the Legislative Event, please stay tuned for an upcoming blog post on [www.thinksiliconvalley.com/silicon-valley-east/](http://www.thinksiliconvalley.com/silicon-valley-east/).

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